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In the news

Lurie up for second Oscar

Jeffrey Lurie might have two Oscars before one Super Bowl ring. Lurie and his ex-wife, Christina Weiss Lurie, have been nominated for an Oscar in the Documentary Short category for their film "Inocente." The Eagles co-owners served as executive producers through their company Screen Pass Pictures, a nonprofit that addresses global issues. In 2011, they took home the Best Documentary Oscar for "Inside Job."

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Local tweet



"Praying for all those impacted by the CA h.s. shooting today. Glad there was an armed guard present to stop it all. No. Wait ... #nra"

NIA NGINA MEEKS, @NMPURPOSE, ON A HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING THAT WOUNDED ONE STUDENT IN TAFT, CALIF., ON THURSDAY. IT REPORTEDLY ENDED AFTER A TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR TALKED THE ALLEGED GUNMAN INTO PUTTING DOWN THE WEAPON.

In the news

More trouble for Newspaper Guild

PHILADELPHIA. Newspaper Guild Local 38010 union president Dan Gross and executive director Bill Ross said in a letter to members that Interstate General Media, parent company of The Inquirer, The Daily News and Philly.com, has threatened to liquidate the papers if they don't receive \$8 million in wage and benefit cuts from the papers' editorial staffs by Jan. 18.

"When they acquired the company in April, Interstate General Media was well aware that the Newspaper Guild had a contract in place through October 2013," the letter read.

"It was also at this time that owners George Norcross and Lewis Katz both stressed how much the newspapers meant to them and how they were in this business for the long haul. We will not be held out as scapegoats, to be blamed for not bargaining a new agreement while we have one standing."

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Police: Woman tried to bring gun into school

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. Police on Thursday arrested a woman for allegedly attempting to bring a loaded gun into South Philadelphia High School. Police said a school officer observed what appeared to be a firearm in 21-year-old Kelley Jones' diaper bag as she walked through the scanning machine in the lobby. After re-scanning Jones twice, the officer searched her bag and found a fully loaded handgun. She is charged with carrying an unlicensed firearm and related offenses.

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Sports. 76ers



► The 76ers Dream Team added a little cheer to Suburban Station on Thursday.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Sixers pep squad pumps up commuters

Members of the 76ers Dream Team were on hand to pump up commuters on Thursday during a lunchtime pep rally at SEPTA's Suburban Station. The Dream Team, along with the Sixers' Flight Squad, encouraged passersby to vote for Jrue Holiday, Spencer Hawes and Thaddeus Young to play in the 2013 NBA All-Star Game. The contest closes this Monday, but fans can still cast a ballot in person at the Wells Fargo Center and on the NBA's website.

Philly's voice heard in White House Gun Violence Task Force

Vice President Joe Biden told reporters on Thursday that the White House Gun Violence Task Force formed in the wake of the mass school shooting in Newtown, Conn., will this Tuesday present a series of recommendations to President Barack Obama aimed at addressing gun violence.

Philadelphia has had a strong local voice in crafting those recommendations. Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey last month traveled to Washington to participate, though he declined comment pending White House clearance.

"I feel very positive because it became clear to me that this task force is going to be the kind of task force that really focuses on working toward concrete recommendations," said CeaseFirePA executive director Shira Goodman, who on Wednesday attended a meeting of the task force focused on activists



► Goodman

"The vice president said it was 'an awakening of the American consciousness' and we have to move forward. He used the words, 'this is not a photo opportunity, this is serious business.'"

CEASEFIREPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHIRA GOODMAN

and victims' advocates.

U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-Phil.), vice-chair of a parallel gun task force in Congress, said he's confident that the administration, Legislature and private partners will be able to work together to achieve measures that include prosecuting those who attempt to purchase guns illegally and requiring background checks for all gun purchases.

"I've signed up to help think this through and hopefully come up with a set of proposals that may include both legislative action, executive action and hopefully cooperation from others, including health-care providers, the entertainment industry and mental health professionals and families," he said.



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Sen. Casey changing tune on gun laws

Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.), who once scored high marks from the NRA, changed his tune on



some gun laws last month following the massacre at Sandy Hook. While still a supporter of the Second Amendment, he said the reinstatement of a ban on military-style weapons and high-capacity magazines are two common-sense steps he would support.

"I was haunted by the reality of 20 kids dead and the possibility of an entire school dying," he told a group of supporters during an emotional 90-minute meeting on Monday. "My daughter asked me, 'Dad, you have a vote. What are you going to do about it?'" ● LAURA GOLDMAN

100K On average, 100,000 Americans fall victim to gun violence each year.

Sandusky begins appeal of sex abuse conviction

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky appeared in court Thursday for the first time since he was sent to prison for sexually abusing young boys, looking thinner but upbeat while his lawyers appealed his conviction.

Sandusky, 68, dressed in a red prison uniform, smiled at about a dozen supporters present in the courtroom, including his wife Dottie.

"How are you guys?" he asked his wife and the others before court officers guided him to the defense table in the same courthouse where he was convicted nearly seven months ago of molesting 10 boys over a 15-year period in a scandal that rocked college sports.

In seeking to overturn that conviction, Sandusky's lawyers argued to trial



► Jerry Sandusky, pictured here in October, was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison.

\$60M
The National Collegiate Athletic Association slapped Penn State with a \$60 million fine and voided the 14 seasons of football victories that Sandusky coached. At least three of Sandusky's victims have sued Penn State.

judge John Cleland that they were not given enough time to prepare for the trial. Joseph Amendola, one of Sandusky's trial attorneys, took the witness stand and told Cleland on Thursday that ahead of the trial he received more than 12,000 pages of documents and hundreds of pictures to review. Cleland did not issue a decision on Sandusky's request. **REUTERS**

Other players

in the scandal

A grand jury in November charged the university's former president, Graham Spanier, in a "conspiracy of silence" to cover up Sandusky's behavior.

Two other officials, Athletic Director Tim Curley and retired Vice President Gary Schultz, also face new charges of child endangerment, criminal conspiracy and obstruction of justice.

They were charged in November 2011 with failure to report suspected abuse and perjury, and both have pleaded not guilty. Schultz and Curley face trial later this month.

In the news

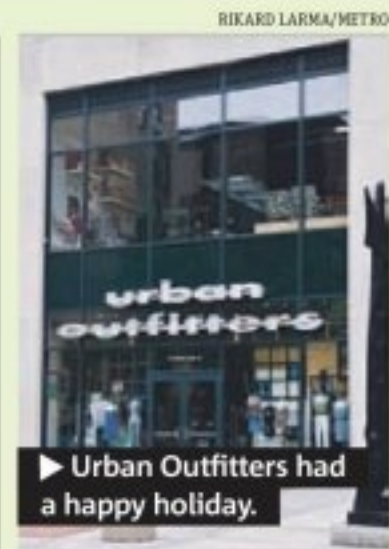
El shutdowns over weekend

PHILADELPHIA. Market-Frankford trains will not operate through a portion of Center City this weekend because of construction in Dilworth Plaza. On Saturday and Sunday, shuttle buses will operate between 11th and 30th street stations in place of regular subway service. SEPTA's Night Owl bus service and trolley lines will not be affected.

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Urban Outfitters announces record holiday sales

PHILADELPHIA. Urban Outfitters, Inc. on Thursday announced that the company, which includes subsidiaries Anthropologie, BHLDN, Free People and Terrain,



► Urban Outfitters had a happy holiday.

netted record sales in November and December.

"We are pleased to announce a 15 percent increase in our holiday sales, driven by strength in all brands," CEO Richard Hayne said in a statement. "I am proud of the teams' execution as they delivered better product with more disciplined inventory management leading to improvement in regular price sales."

As the company opened a total of 46 new stores across the country last year, net sales rose 12 percent in 11 months, increasing to \$2.6 billion.

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Lew to succeed Geithner



► President Obama announces Jack Lew as his nominee to replace Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner in the East Room of the White House on Thursday.

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Obama picks Jack Lew as Treasury secretary

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama on Thursday nominated his chief of staff, Jack Lew, to become the next Treasury secretary and succeed Timothy Geithner.

"Jack has my complete trust," Obama said at a White House ceremony.

Lew served as budget director for Obama and for former President Bill Clinton. A 57-year-old policy wonk, he will have to confront a host of tricky economic top-

ics ranging from how best to scale back the government's role in the housing market to how to respond to China's economic theft.

But the high-profile Washington battle over how to rein in the growth of the nation's debt and put the budget on a sustainable path will dominate his tenure.

Lew helped spearhead acrimonious talks with congressional leaders in 2011 that preceded approval of an increase in the U.S. debt ceiling. He will have to reprise that role in the next two months, when another debt ceiling deadline looms.

Though he is mistrusted by a number of Republicans, Lew has some bipartisan credentials that might help him in budget talks.

REUTERS

Gun control

Biden to give Obama gun violence recommendations by Tuesday

WASHINGTON. Vice President Joe Biden said on Thursday that his task force exploring ways to reduce U.S. gun violence plans to submit recommendations to President Barack Obama by next Tuesday, likely including background checks for all gun buyers.

Biden planned talks later in the day with a representative of the powerful U.S. gun lobby, the National Rifle Association, as well as major retailers including Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the largest U.S. gun seller.

The task force is trying to reach a consensus on a set of proposals quickly while there is still a mood for action in Congress following the Connecticut shootings last month. **REUTERS**

METRO FILE PHOTO



► Biden

E-mails show proof



Lawmakers: Wal-Mart CEO knew of Mexico bribe claim

WASHINGTON/CHICAGO. U.S. lawmakers on Thursday released e-mails that appeared to show Wal-Mart Chief Executive Mike Duke knew as far back as 2005 of allegations that company representatives had bribed Mexican officials.

The e-mails appeared to contradict the company's public statements about a bribery scandal tied to its Mexican affiliate, Wal-Mart de Mexico. Lawmakers said Wal-Mart Stores Inc. did not dispute the authenticity of the e-mails.

In two reports last year, The New York Times described how Walmex used large bribes throughout Mexico to open stores it would otherwise have been unable to launch, and how Wal-Mart headquarters had stifled an early internal probe. **REUTERS**

Appeals court

US lawyer: Images of a dead bin Laden still dangerous

WASHINGTON. Twenty months after U.S. special forces killed Osama bin Laden, the United States told a court on Thursday it is not ready to release images taken after the al Qaeda leader's death because they still might lead to violence.

A federal appeals court heard arguments in a lawsuit over whether the government must release the images under the Freedom of Information Act, a 1966 law that guarantees public access to some government records.

President Barack Obama's administration points to an exception in the law that covers documents classified in the interest of national defense. **REUTERS**

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► bin Laden

Push against iTunes



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Amazon steps up digital music competition with Apple

SAN FRANCISCO. Amazon unveiled a service that increases competition with Apple Inc.'s dominant iTunes store.

Amazon launched Amazon AutoRip, which gives customers free digital versions of music CDs they purchase from the world's largest Internet retailer.

The digital music files are automatically stored in customer libraries in remote data centers run by Amazon, where they are available to play or download immediately through the company's Cloud Player service, the company said. **REUTERS**

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News in brief

Oil rises as Chinese ups exports

Oil rose to the highest level in three months as exports from China accelerated and European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said "a gradual recovery should start" in the region this year. Prices advanced as much as 1.7 percent after China's customs agency said overseas sales in the world's second-largest fuel-consuming country jumped 14.1 percent last month from a year earlier. Oil also gained as the euro surged against the dollar. Crude oil for February delivery gained 99 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$94.09 a barrel at 12:50 p.m. on the New York Mercantile Exchange after climbing to \$94.70. **BLOOMBERG**

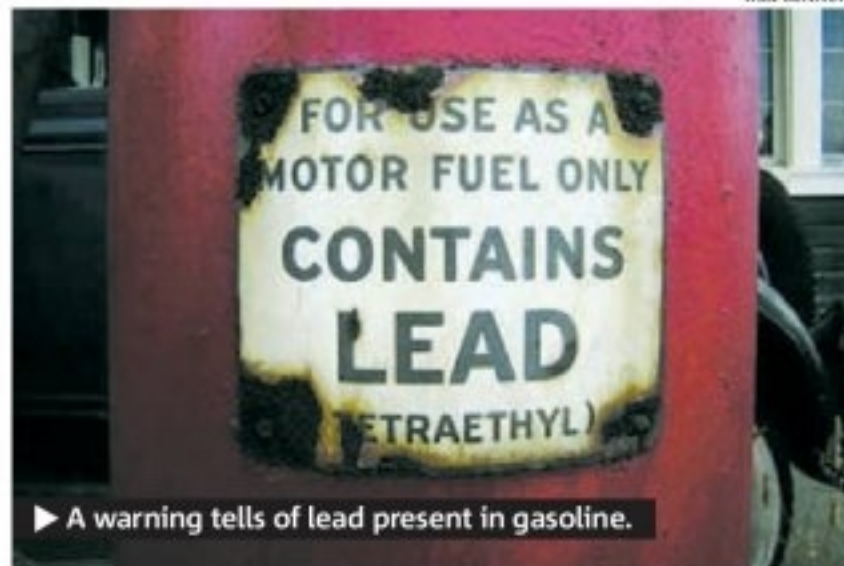


Rogue element: Can lead make you kill?

It's in your lipstick, pencil and front garden, and scientists now claim to have proved that the metal element lead causes violent crime. Wide-ranging research into a "public health catastrophe" showed people exposed to lead as children are more likely to offend as adults.

Using data from 90 US cities since the 1950s, researchers at the University of Tulane, New Orleans, found that violent crimes rates mirrored lead emissions. They rose sharply around 20 years after the introduction of leaded gasoline and began to fall the same interval after it was phased out in the 1970s.

Crime rates remained high only in cities where emissions remained high. The correlation also applied at a neighborhood level, and the data is even being used by local police forces.



► A warning tells of lead present in gasoline.

Hidden menace

Lead can be found in many forms around the home, including:

- **Walls:** Homes built before 1980 commonly used lead paint.
- **Soil:** It contains trace lead and concentration higher in urban areas.
- **Containers:** Pottery and crystal, especially from

Latin America, can be lead-glazed.

► **Computers:** Your average PC contains numerous metals, eight of which are listed as hazardous.

► **Toys:** In 2010, Fisher-Price recalled near 11 million toys after a Chinese vendor used lead-based paint to coat them.

Kieron Monks
METRO WORLD NEWS

Unemployment**Jobless claims rise last week**

More Americans than forecast filed applications for unemployment benefits last week, a sign improvement in the labor market remains uneven.

A consistent decline in firings, along with a rise in payrolls, is needed to spur consumer spending, the biggest part of the economy. The impending battle over the debt limit may weigh on the outlook for jobs. **REUTERS**

4K More jobless claims were added to the rosters

371K Total claims

365K Total that economists predict

"The story isn't in firings so much as it is in hiring."

MICHAEL HANSON, SENIOR U.S. ECONOMIST AT BANK OF AMERICA CORP.

Verizon to face backup power requirement on 911 calling

Carriers including Verizon Communications Inc. didn't follow its own procedures for backup power and system design, causing 911 emergency-calling service to fail for more than 2 million people after storms last



June, U.S. regulators said. Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski, in an e-mailed statement accompanying an agency report issued today, said he will seek rules to strengthen 911 service. "These failures are unacceptable, and the FCC will do whatever is necessary," he said. **BLOOMBERG**

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MARCH OF THE MINGUINS

Opinion

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Note to the president: Before you take the oath, ride in the parade and slip on your fancy tux for all those inaugural balls, go to Staples, pick up some binders and fill them with women. Seriously.

Just a few months ago, Democrats were howling over Mitt Romney's problems with half the electorate. "Ha, ha, ha," they chortled, "he's so out of touch with females, he has to keep their names in notebooks just to know whom he might appoint!" They prattled on about a Republican "war on women."

Meanwhile, the president courted women in the election like a teenager lining up a prom date. He praised their strength, gushed over their wisdom and lauded their ability to see through the pandering of politicians. Now that the dance is under way, however, some are complaining they're being left by the punch bowl while he's wandering off to hang with the guys.

As two of his most experienced female cabinet members — Hillary Clinton and Hilda Solis — step down, Mr. Obama has been steadily trotting out a line of men to take powerful slots in his administration. Not only that — he's pledging to defend their nominations against Republican push-back. You can hardly blame fans of Susan Rice who

might be wondering where that backbone was when her potential elevation at the State Department was being ripped apart.

The White House is fighting the optics of this 'March of the Minguins' by arguing that about half the staff there is female. But in the top jobs, the female factor drops much, much lower, and saying your secretaries have

secretaries is hardly an answer to complaints.

No, as I wrote back during the campaign, the fact remains: While the Democratic and

Quoted

"Mr. Obama has been steadily trotting out a line of men to take powerful slots in his administration."

Republican parties are making progress in terms of electing women and appointing them to top posts, the progress is still maddeningly slow for many.

Mitt, do you still have those binders?

— CNN's Tom Foreman is a regular on "AC360"/www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."

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In the news



American Express to cut 5,400 jobs

NEW YORK. American Express Co. said it would cut about 5,400 jobs, mainly in its travel division, and would take about \$600 million in after-tax charges in the fourth quarter, which will halve its net income for the period.

The company said some of the cuts would be offset by new hiring but expects to reduce its workforce 4 to 6 percent by the end of 2013. It currently employs 63,500 people.

New York-based AmEx said the reductions would be spread proportionately between the U.S. and international markets. **REUTERS**

Student wounded in California school shooting

WASHINGTON. A student was shot Thursday at Taft Union High School in California's San Joaquin Valley, and the suspected shooter is in custody, the Associated Press reported, citing authorities.

The student wounded in the shooting around 9 a.m. local time was flown to a hospital in Bakersfield, Kern County Sheriff's Department spokesman Ray Pruitt said, according to the report. The victim's condition wasn't immediately available and the suspect is believed to be a student, the AP said.

Taft, about 120 miles northwest of Los Angeles by road, has a population of about 18,000, according to the Taft Chamber of Commerce's website.

Pruitt said a shotgun is believed to have been used in the attack, the AP said. **BLOOMBERG**



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WEEKEND

GOLDEN GIRL

JESSICA MOGLIO

We're sitting across from Lena Dunham, comparing chipped manicures. In that moment, it's almost as if she's just your average 26-year-old. But Dunham — the creator, director, executive producer, writer and star of HBO's wildly successful "Girls" — is anything but.

Last season, critics and viewers alike were smitten with Dunham's fresh take on the lives of 20-somethings in New York City. As she put together Season 2, which premieres Sunday, Dunham says she wasn't fazed by everyone's expectations.

"I know that would be an easy emotion to get in touch with if you let it run wild, but I really wanted to keep the environment safe for everyone on set," she says. "I really wanted to also not start using Twitter or fan reaction to sculpt the story. You want to keep everyone engaged and give them what they came for, but you need to push for it creatively."

Inside her creative bubble, Dunham can steer clear of what people are saying about the show.

"I tried to keep a lot of it out. It's hard, obviously — all the sort of, like, sociopolitical debate around it gets exhausting," she says, acknowledging somewhat the criticism about a lack of diversity in the cast.



► Lena Dunham and her 'Girls' are back for Season 2 ► The multi-hyphenate comments on not listening to critics

"It's hard. ... All the sort of, like, sociopolitical debate around it gets exhausting. You want to satisfy everyone but also keep yourself safe from that kind of constant scrutiny."

DUNHAM, ON HER CRITICS

one of her girls has herself figured out a bit more than the others.

"It's funny, I used to think it was Marnie — that seemed like the obvious answer," Dunham says of the preppy art gallery employee. "But I'm gonna say something crazy, which is that in some ways I think Jessa is, like, the most self-actualized person. She is so in touch with her core that it's like, yes, sometimes she goes off to France without notice, but that's because she's in touch with the part of herself that isn't happy where she is."

Wherever the characters find themselves this season, viewers can expect at least one thing: envelope-pushing. Says Dunham, "I think we actually got a little more experimental because we kind of felt like, let's push this even further."



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Q&A



The guys on 'Girls': Alex Karpovsky (Ray)

Were you nervous about meeting expectations for Season 2?

► It was something I was a little bit curious about. I don't know if curious is the right word. Fearful, a little bit. ... What we had on Season 1 was such a, I thought, really special, lively, effervescent energy. I didn't want that to be changed or compromised in any way, and I didn't know if the attention would change it. But I don't think it did at all, and maybe that's some small miracle.

We love the scene where you take care of Shoshanna when she accidentally smokes crack.

► I'm always surprised and reminded by how much a nice gesture is accented if it's preceded by a little bit of meanness. If Charlie did that, who's a nice guy to begin with, no one would care. But [for] a lot of people, that specific action by Ray really seems to stand out. That and his deflowering [her] are the things people seem to respond to.

"You want to satisfy everyone but also keep yourself safe from that kind of constant scrutiny."

But she did appreciate the positive notes she received from viewers. "It's nice to know which characters people respond to, and that people are excited about the Hannah/Adam relationship, and I wanted to push that forward," she says. "But I felt lucky that I

was still able to stay isolated and just keep moving."

And keep the show moving, she does. This season brings a new boyfriend for Hannah and new work problems for Marnie, plus life adjustments for the recently wed Jessa and newly de-virginized Shoshanna. And though the characters are in a constant state of 20-something flux, Dunham does think that

Tune in



► **"Girls" Season 2 premieres Sunday at 9 p.m. on HBO.**

Q&A: The guys on 'Girls'

Andrew Rannells (Elijah)

You come from theater, and now you're on TV in both "Girls" and NBC's "The New Normal."

► "Girls" was my first television experience — I mean, I did one episode of "Sex and the City" as a headless stripper, but I don't really count that.



► **Is it hard switching gears between the two shows?** Initially it was a little tricky because I get to improvise a little bit at "The New Normal," and my instinct is always to curse

— which [on "Girls"] was completely acceptable, and not at NBC. I remember improvising something — I was like, "Well, that's f—ed," and then they looked at me like, "Andrew, you can't."

Who is the tougher boss: Lena Dunham, or "New Normal" director Ryan Murphy?

► I wouldn't say either of them are tough. They're actually really similar in a lot of ways. They both

have really clear visions of what they really want, which is awesome.

What has surprised you about playing Elijah?

► I'm in life 10 years older than Elijah's supposed to be. I'm 34. So it was fun to sort of revisit that. Elijah got to be a lot more selfish and it's fun to play someone like that, although I never really engaged in that. I was always very self-conscious when I was that

age. It was fun to sort of just be a mess.

This season you and Hannah are roommates. Are you a good duo?

► Yeah, we really are starting off as perfect roommates, and it looks very idyllic, and then it sort of takes off from there. But I think that initially Elijah and Hannah are very good roommates.

Will things get ugly?

► Maybe!

NBC boss on the future of 'Community'

► At the Television Critics Association press tour, Robert Greenblatt answers questions on the network's comedies

When we spoke with actor Rob Corddry recently, we asked if he'd be popping up again as a former legal pal of Jeff Winger (Joel McHale) on NBC's "Community." His response: "Isn't that show done?" It's a question a lot of people have been asking, especially given recent developments for the beleaguered comedy. First, the show's creator, Dan Harmon, left last spring in a less-than-amicable split with the network. Then the show was renewed for an abbreviated 13-episode

fourth season that's not premiering until Feb. 7. And then last month, series star Chevy Chase announced he'd be departing at the end of the season.

While NBC has moved "Community" back to its original time slot of Thursday at 8 p.m., the future doesn't necessarily look bright for the comedy. "If it did what it has been doing in the past, I'd be happy," NBC Entertainment Chairman Robert Greenblatt says of the show's ratings. "Does that automatically mean it

"It's harder to find great writers who can elevate that form, which is now sort of seen as a little bit of the ugly stepchild."

GREENBLATT, ON THE FUTURE OF MULTI-CAM COMEDIES

gets renewed? It's hard to be definitive on any front. But if it does significantly worse than it's been doing, that would be worrisome."

But shows like "Community" — shot on

sets using single cameras — might not be part of NBC's comedy plans going forward. Other single-cam shows "The Office" and "30 Rock" are ending this year, while the network has two more traditional multi-camera sitcoms, "Whitney" and "Guys with Kids." In addition, the network is in the process of remaking "Up All Night," starring Will Arnett, Christina Applegate and Maya Rudolph, as a multi-cam show.

"I would love to do more multi-cam comedies,

and we're developing a bunch of them," Greenblatt says, using former multi-cam hits like "Seinfeld" and "Friends" as a reference. "It's harder to find great writers who can elevate that form. That said, we're trying to do more. It's one of the reasons why I would love 'Up All Night' to work, because it would have three of the classiest actors doing multi-cam, and that would be a good step forward."



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► Joel McHale and Yvette Nicole Brown star in "Community," which begins its 13-episode fourth season on Feb. 7.

TV watch list

The 70th annual Golden Globe Awards

SPECIAL. Sure, hits like "Homeland" and "Argo" are nominated — and are favorites to win awards handed out by the Hollywood Foreign Press. But we're guessing the performance most deserving of a statue on Sunday night comes from the awards show's co-hosts — and former "Weekend Update" co-anchors — Tina Fey and Amy Poehler (both nominated for Best TV Comedy Actress awards to boot). **Sunday, 8 p.m., NBC**

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► With 'A Haunted House,' Marlon Wayans is out to reclaim what was good about the 'Scary Movie' franchise ► 'It turned into a crackhead,' he says

Marlon Wayans knows parody. He knows what it should and what it shouldn't be. As one of the creative forces behind the sketch show "In Living Color" and the first two "Scary Movie" films, he's become one of the foremost experts on the topic, along with his six famous siblings.

"I'm not saying that we're geniuses. I'm saying that if you like what we do, there's a reason," says Wayans. "It's not an accident. It's what we do. When people try to mimic

Q&A

Is the found-footage genre overdone at this point?

► "Absolutely not — I think it's one of the great

it, it usually comes out pretty damn horrible."

The writer, producer and actor is quick to dissociate himself from some of the spin-offs that followed the "Scary Movie" films he worked on.

things that happened for young filmmakers. You don't need huge budgets, you just need some creativity. I think it's great for this generation. Everybody's so anxious to get out there and show what they can do."

"Scary Movie" was a great franchise for us," he says. "We created it and we raised it. We were very proud when we did two. We sent it off to college on three and it turned into a crackhead. Now it's turn-

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► Marlon Wayans makes an unfortunate discovery in "A Haunted House," in theaters now.

Review

Both cheers and jeers for 'A Haunted House'

Director: Michael Tiddes

Cast: Essence Atkins, Marlon Wayans

Rating: R

Grade: B-

While we won't be adding this one into the pantheon of great American comedies, you can be sure that co-writer and lead Marlon Wayans brings some ingenuity to this horror comedy. For all of the blue humor and even a stuffed animal menage a trois, there are also some brilliant ways in which Wayans plays with the found-footage genre. This movie needed to be made and this is the right moment for it. As long as you have a stomach for a lot of mimed humping, "A Haunted House" should be a treat.

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"Why do white people do such dumb stuff in these movies? Why don't they just leave the house?"

WAYANS

ing tricks in the street and I'm just going, 'That's not my child!'"

Now, Wayans has turned his attention to a new horror-comedy. "A Haunted House" is a found-footage movie

about an African-American couple living with a ghost.

"I was watching 'Paranormal Activity,' which is one of the biggest franchises in the found-footage genre. I was just sitting there going, 'Why do white people do such dumb stuff in these movies? Why don't they just leave the house?'" Wayans asks. "What if 'Paranormal Activity' happened to a black couple?"



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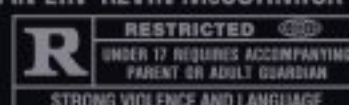
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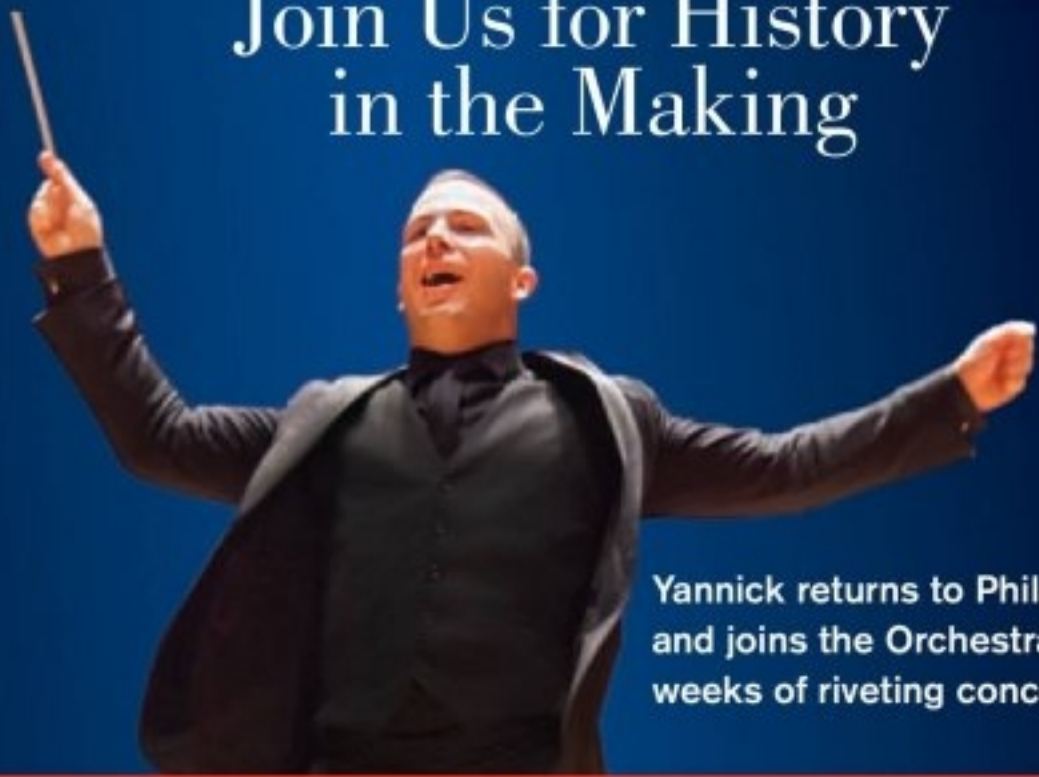
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Brolin goes in

► The actor discusses how he let Sean Penn have it on the set of 'Gangster Squad' ► He's got the battle scars to prove it ► Why he's not afraid of looking stupid — for a role, that is

Josh Brolin is making a habit out of going up against his "Milk" co-star Sean Penn as real-life rivals on the big screen. For their latest team-up, "Gangster Squad," Penn's gangster Mickey Cohen is pursued by Brolin's detective John O'Mara in 1949 Los Angeles.

In our chat with Brolin, we hit on some of his favorite topics, including the lost art of fisticuffs and the importance of being willing to look like an idiot to be a good actor.

Your John O'Mara is a hard-charging, all-business detective in a fedora. So basically Dick Tracy, right? That's not a bad thing. It's funny because I had prob-

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"People talk about acting, and I go, 'Look man, it's a profession of humiliation, that's what it is.'"

BROLIN

lems with the dialogue when we were first going through the script. The decision was made to make him a little more laconic, and I think that was right. It was this kind of Clint Eastwood-ian take on the guy that I think was good. It let Sean do what Sean was doing, which was bigger, and then Ryan [Gosling] do what he was

doing, which was more ad-libbing.

Is it less fun to be the serious one in the group?

No, because I have so much fun otherwise. I don't walk around the set acting like I'm John O'Mara all the time.

You've got an impressive fist fight with Sean Penn in this film for which no stunt men were used.

That was a good fistfight. I mean, I like fistfighting anyway. I just think it's a lost art. I was talking to my dad about this, and I was like, I wonder if there was less violence — less extreme violence — back when people could fistfight ... as opposed to you touch me and I touch you and we sue each other.

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► Not to worry — these two can play nice off-screen. Josh Brolin, left, poses with Sean Penn at the premiere of "Gangster Squad."

Sean and I both had to get in very good shape; we had to rehearse a lot. And I was really happy the way it turned out. There were a few slips. I've got a little scar right here [on my lip]. Occupational hazard.

There's also the occupational hazard of looking foolish when a punch goes wrong.

You just have to get over feeling like an idiot. People talk about acting, and I go, 'Look man, it's a profession of humiliation.' You feel like an idiot on the set most of the time, you're embarrassing yourself most of the time, and hopefully you get to some kind of magical moment that the audience gets to see where they don't get to experience all that embarrassment. The older I get, thank God, the less and less I care about embarrassing myself and looking stupid. It's very liberating.



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Review

More like the Keystone Cops

'Gangster Squad'

Director: Ruben Fleischer

Rating: R

Grade: 00000

In a fast-paced world, it's no surprise that one could come away from "Gangster Squad" feeling that all the research conducted on gangsters of the 1940s was accomplished by watching one 10-minute mash-up on YouTube. While gorgeous to look at and entertaining enough to follow, "Gangster Squad" is a dimly remembered rehash of one cliché after another. The result is just goofy. If it's not Ryan Gosling's squeaky-voiced Romeo (keep in mind, we'll forgive that face for quite a bit), it's Josh Brolin's broad-as-the-boardwalk good-guy cop trying to exorcise the demons of World War II by getting the bad guys.

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This easy soba noodle recipe uses all parts of the chard: The blanched leaves go into a food processor with red miso, rice vinegar and garlic for a Japanese-inspired pesto sauce. The stalks are chopped up and sauteed

with carrots. Then everything's folded into cooked soba noodles for an easy vegetarian dish.

Soba Noodles with Swiss Chard-Miso Pesto

Ingredients:
Kosher salt

- 12 ounces Swiss chard (about 1 bunch)
- 4 medium garlic cloves, halved
- ¼ cup red miso paste
- 2 ½ teaspoons rice vinegar
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 12 ounces dried soba noodles
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and cut into 1½-inch matchsticks
- 1 sheet dried, roasted seaweed (nori), cut into nine pieces and thinly sliced (optional)

Instructions:

- 1 Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a boil over high heat. Meanwhile, trim the ends from the chard stems and discard. Cut off the stems at the base of the leaves and slice crosswise into ¼-inch pieces. Place in a small bowl and set aside. Stack the leaves and coarsely chop; set aside.

- 2 Add the chard leaves and garlic to the boiling water, stir to combine and



blanch until the leaves are just wilted and tender, about two minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the leaves and garlic to a food processor fitted with a blade attachment (it's OK if some of the blanching water gets into the food processor). Reserve the pot and water.

- 3 Add the miso paste and vinegar to the food processor and season with pepper. Process until a smooth paste forms, stopping and scraping

down the sides of the bowl as needed, about two minutes total. Leave the chard pesto in the food processor.

- 4 Return the water in the pot to a boil over high heat. Add the soba noodles, stir to separate them and cook according to the package directions or until al dente. Drain the noodles in a colander and rinse under cold water until cool. With the noodles still in the colander, drizzle with 1 teaspoon of

the oil and toss to coat; set aside.

- 5 Dry the pot, add the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil and heat over medium heat until shimmering. Add the reserved chard stems and carrots, season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until crisp-tender, about three minutes. Remove the pot from the heat.

- 6 Add the soba noodles and chard pesto to the pot and toss to combine and evenly coat everything with the pesto. Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed. Transfer to a serving bowl and garnish with the seaweed, if using. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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to record a new song with a seasoned production team and document it through the "Shaking Through" video series.

One of the biggest successes so far has been the singer-songwriter Sharon Van Etten, who's since toured internationally and released two critically acclaimed albums, including last year's "Tramp." There's also Twin Shadow, the New York indie band whose Weathervane-pro-

duced song was sampled by Scoop DeVille and Dr. Dre on "The Recipe," a big single from rapper Kendrick Lamar's chart-topping album "good kid, m.A.A.d. City."

On Saturday, the newest Weathervane artist makes his debut: Steven A. Clark (pictured above), an R&B singer from Miami whose bedroom recordings have already earned him significant buzz. For Clark's first pro studio recording, McTear assembled a backing band including members of local bands the War on Drugs and Man Man.

"Clark's an amazing singer with a gigantic voice," says McTear. "I always say this, but this is our best project so far."

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THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 10:30, 2:10, 6:20, 9:55. IMAX 3D

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JACK REACHER (PG-13) 10:35, 1:30, 4:25, 7:35, 10:30. Digital Presentation
LES MISÉRABLES (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:00, 3:30, 7:10, 10:40. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 12:00-3:30-7:10-10:30. Digital Presentation
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TEXAS CHAINSAW 3D (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 11:00, 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:30, 11:00. RealD 3D; **Sun** 11:00-1:20-3:45-6:10-8:30. RealD 3D
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 11:10, 1:50, 4:45. Digital Presentation
ZERO DARK THIRTY (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 11:30, 1:10, 3:10, 4:40, 7:00, 8:10, 10:30, 11:30. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 11:30-1:10-3:10-4:40-7:00-8:10-10:30. Digital Presentation

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GANGSTER SQUAD (R) Fri and Sat
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THE GUILTY TRIP (PG-13) Fri and Sat
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Digital Presentation; Sun 11:25-1:55-
4:35-7:00-9:30. Digital Presentation
A HAUNTED HOUSE (R) Fri and Sat
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Closed Captions; Digital Presentation;
10:10-12:30-3:00-5:40-8:00-10:30.
Digital Presentation; Sun 11:15-2:00-
4:15-6:45-9:15. CC-Closed
Captions; Digital Presentation
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED
JOURNEY AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE
(PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:30, 3:15, 6:55,
10:40. IMAX 3D; Sun 11:30-3:15-6:55-
10:35. IMAX 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED
JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat
4:45, 12:10. RealD 3D; Sun 4:45. RealD
3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED
JOURNEY (PG-13) 1:00, 8:30. Digital
Presentation
THE IMPOSSIBLE (PG-13) 10:25, 1:10,
4:10, 7:05, 9:50. C INDEPENDENT; Digital
Presentation
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 12:10, 3:25,
6:35, 9:35. Digital Presentation
LES MISERABLES (PG-13) Fri and Sat
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Presentation; Sun 11:20-3:05-6:45-
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LIFE OF PI (PG) Fri and Sat 10:20, 4:55,
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LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 1:25,
7:55. RealD 3D; Sun 1:25-7:20. RealD 3D
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:35, 2:50, 6:30,
10:25. Digital Presentation
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 10:10, 12:40,
3:20. RealD 3D
PARENTAL GUIDANCE (PG) 11:40,
2:35, 5:25, 8:10, 10:35. Digital
Presentation
PROMISED LAND (R) Fri and Sat 11:05,
1:50, 4:50, 8:05, 10:55. Digital
Presentation; Sun 11:05-1:50-4:50-7:30

10:10. Digital Presentation
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 10:35, 1:35, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30. Digital Presentation
SKYFALL (PG-13) 12:45, 4:05, 7:25, 10:35. Digital Presentation
TEXAS CHAINSAW 3D (R) **Fri and Sat** 11:55, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55, 12:20. **RealD 3D; Sun** 11:55-2:15-5:00-7:30-9:55. **RealD 3D**
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THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) 1:20, 7:15. Digital Presentation
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CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: WORLDS AWAY 3D (PG) Fri and **Sat** 10:25. 3D; Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:20. 3D; Digital Presentation
DJANGO UNCHAINED (R) Fri and **Sat** 11:30, 1:30, 3:15, 5:15, 7:00, 9:00, 10:45. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 11:30-1:30-3:15-5:15-6:50-9:00-10:30. Digital Presentation
GANGSTER SQUAD (R) Fri 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00-11:00. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 11:00-2:00-5:00-7:45-10:30. Digital Presentation
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45. Digital Presentation
A HAUNTED HOUSE (R) Fri and **Sat** 10:40, 12:00, 1:05, 2:15, 3:20, 4:40, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:25, 10:45, 12:00. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:40-12:00-1:05-2:15-3:20-4:40-5:45-7:00-8:00-9:25-10:15. Digital Presentation
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) Fri and **Sat** 11:15, 3:00, 6:45, 10:30. IMAX 3D; **Sun** 11:15-3:00-6:45-10:25. IMAX 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 1:25, 9:10. RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 9:35, 5:10. Digital Presentation
THE IMPOSSIBLE (PG-13) Fri and **Sat** 10:30, 1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10.C INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:30-1:35-4:25-7:20-10:05.C INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation
JACK REACHER (PG-13) Fri 10:25, 1:45, 4:55, 7:50, 10:35. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 10:10-1:20-4:35-7:50-10:55. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:10-1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20. Digital Presentation
LES MISERABLES (PG-13) Fri 10:35, 2:20, 4:10, 6:00, 9:40. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 10:35-2:20-3:35-6:00-9:40-10:40. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:35-2:20-3:05-6:00-9:40-10:10. Digital Presentation
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) Fri and **Sat** 7:45, 10:50. RealD 3D; **Sun** 7:25-10:25. RealD 3D
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:10, 2:40, 6:15, 10:00. Digital Presentation
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PARENTAL GUIDANCE (PG) Fri and **Sat** 11:05, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50, 12:25. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 11:05-1:40-4:30-7:10-9:50. Digital Presentation
PROMISED LAND (R) 10:20, 1:15, 4:00, 6:55, 9:45. Digital Presentation
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) Fri and **Sat** 9:30, 2:40. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 9:30-2:30. Digital Presentation
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS 3D (PG) Fri and **Sat** 12:05, 5:20. RealD 3D; **Sun** 12:05-5:00. RealD 3D
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 9:40, 12:40, 3:40, 6:50, 10:05. Digital Presentation
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri 12:50, 10:55. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 12:15-7:15. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 6:50. Digital Presentation
TEXAS CHAINSAW 3D (R) Fri and **Sat** 9:45, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00, 12:30. RealD 3D; **Sun** 9:45-12:10-2:35-5:05-7:30-10:00. RealD 3D

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ZERO DARK THIRTY (R) Fri and Sat 10:55, 12:30, 2:45, 4:15, 6:30, 7:55, 10:15, 11:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:55-12:30-2:45-4:15-6:30-7:55-10:10. Digital Presentation

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Presentation; Fri 1:10-3:45-6:30-9:15.

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JACK REACHER (PG-13) Fri 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. Digital Presentation; **Sat** and **Sun** 9:55-12:45-4:00-7:00-10:00. Digital Presentation
PARENTAL GUIDANCE (PG) Fri 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 10:00-12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:30. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:00-12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10. Digital Presentation
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SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) Fri and **Sat** 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15. Digital Presentation
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WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:25, 5:25, 10:25. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 12:25-5:25. Digital Presentation
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THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) **Fri** 2:50, 6:30, 10:05; **Sat** 11:15-2:50-6:30-10:05.; **Sun** 11:15-2:50-6:30.

LES MISERABLES (PG-13) **Fri** 3:15, 6:45, 10:15. Digital Presentation; **Sat** 11:40-3:15-6:45-10:15. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 11:40-3:15-6:45. Digital Presentation

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THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) Fri 3:30; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:00-3:30.
PARENTAL GUIDANCE (PG) Fri 4:30, 6:45, 9:30. 35MM; **Sat** 12:00-2:15-4:30-6:45-9:30. 35MM; **Sun** 12:00-2:15-4:30-6:45. 35MM
THIS IS 40 (R) Fri and **Sat** 7:15, 9:45; **Sun** 7:15.
ZERO DARK THIRTY (R) Fri 3:45, 7:00, 10:10. 35MM; **Sat** 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:10. 35MM; **Sun** 12:30-3:45-7:00. 35MM

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12:00-3:00-6:20. **Digital Projection**
LINCOLN (PG-13) **Fri** 3:15, 6:30, 9:40;
Sat 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:40.; **Sun** 12:15-
3:15-6:30.
PROMISED LAND (R) **Fri** 3:30, 6:45,
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ZERO DARK THIRTY (R) Fri 3:40, 7:00, 10:20. DLP-Digital Projection; Sat 12:20-3:40-7:00-10:20. DLP-Digital Projection; Sun 12:20-3:40-7:00. DLP-Digital Projection

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5:00, 7:30, 8:30; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:20-
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NOT FADE AWAY (R) Fri 12:30, 3:40,
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Metro readers react to this year's Oscar nominations and are especially curious over Ben Affleck being snubbed for a best director nomination.

@travelgirl1971
Everyone was talking about how this was Ben Affleck's year...what happened?!?!?

@sarrible
Affleck got the snub for directing? Sure, I guess. But he already has an Oscar, and I think we'll see more great films from him.

@angikins
Did JT say "Hey, new music!" today to steal Oscar's glory since "Trouble with the Curve" got 0 nominations? This gossip inventor says yes!

@mr_jamriv
That's probably the most likable group of Best Picture nominees in a while.

THE WORD



Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Now that she's sane, Spears is attacked for not being crazy

After mixed reviews and speculation that the show's producers were planning to oust her, **Britney Spears** has decided to leave "The X Factor" after one season, according to *Us Weekly*. Sources say **Simon Cowell** and the show's other bosses were less than thrilled by what they got for their money. Cowell "wanted crazy Britney, but he got boring Britney," a source says.

Poor Brit-Brit. We all got on her case for being crazy, but now it looks like she's losing jobs for not being crazy enough. She'll never win.

Brolin on his classic mug shot

Can we elect **Josh Brolin** for Man of the Year? It's nice to hear the truth from an actor and not just lip serv-



Don't feel too badly for Britney: She earned \$15 million for her brief stint as a judge for the singing competition series.

ice. Our love stems from his quotes about his New Year's Day arrest for public intoxication. "New Year's — that's what happened," he says during a visit to "Good Morning America" about getting busted. "You know, it was New Year's. It was a pretty innocent thing. It was a fun thing." If Brolin is upset about anything, it's the grim-faced mug shot that was released from his arrest. "They don't show you the other shot where I turn and have a huge smile on my face," he says.

What lack of diversity?

"Girls" has gotten slammed for the lack of diversity, but is the criticism fair? Not really, says executive producer **Jenni Konner**. "We



had already started addressing the diversity question, had already started expanding our cast, and booked **Donald Glover** already," she says about Season 2. "It wasn't a reaction [to the criticism]. But, I also didn't want to go to the press while it was going on and say, 'Hey! We have Donald Glover coming.' That didn't feel right either."

Talking points



Ned Ehrbar
METRO WORLD NEWS

Metro's Academy Award nominee rundown

PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Bradley Cooper in "Silver Linings Playbook"
Daniel Day-Lewis in "Lincoln"
Hugh Jackman in "Les Misérables"
Joaquin Phoenix in "The Master"
Denzel Washington in "Flight"

PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Alan Arkin in "Argo"
Robert De Niro in "Silver Linings Playbook"
Philip Seymour Hoffman in "The Master"
Tommy Lee Jones in "Lincoln"
Christoph Waltz in "Django Unchained"

PERFORMANCE BY

AN ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

Jessica Chastain in "Zero Dark Thirty"
Jennifer Lawrence in "Silver Linings Playbook"
Emmanuelle Riva in "Amour"
Quvenzhané Wallis in "Beasts of the Southern Wild"
Naomi Watts in "The Impossible"

PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Amy Adams in "The Master"
Sally Field in "Lincoln"
Anne Hathaway in "Les Misérables"
Helen Hunt in "The Sessions"
Jacki Weaver in "Silver Linings Playbook"

ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTING

"Amour" **Michael Haneke**
"Beasts of the Southern Wild" **Benh Zeitlin**
"Life of Pi" **Ang Lee**

"It's obviously exciting, it's like getting a promotion at work."

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS NOMINEE **JENNIFER LAWRENCE** ON THE EVE OF THE OSCAR NOMINATIONS, TO METRO

"Lincoln" **Steven Spielberg**
"Silver Linings Playbook" **David O. Russell**

BEST MOTION PICTURE OF THE YEAR

"Amour"
"Argo"
"Beasts of the Southern Wild"
"Django Unchained"
"Les Misérables"
"Life of Pi"
"Lincoln"
"Silver Linings Playbook"
"Zero Dark Thirty"

BIGGEST WINNERS

"Lincoln" is the clear winner nomination-wise, with **Ang Lee's "Life of Pi"** close behind at 11 nods, while "Beasts of the Southern

Wild," which nabbed four big nominations, and "Amour," with five, had their profiles raised considerably. And the Academy's love for **David O. Russell** is clear. Much like with his last film, "The Fighter," his "Silver Linings Playbook" earned spots for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Adapted Screenplay and every single acting category.

BIGGEST LOSERS

Kathryn Bigelow's presumed Oscar juggernaut "Zero Dark Thirty" earned only five nods, including Best Original Screenplay and Best Picture. **Mark Boal** and **Jessica Chastain** are still front-runners for writing and acting, but that's about it. And a lack of surprises in

the Best Supporting Actor category means our hopes of **Javier Bardem** being the first Bond villain nominated for an Oscar (for "Skyfall") have been dashed.

Leonardo DiCaprio was also snubbed, with his "Django Unchained" co-star **Christoph Waltz** edging him out.

BIGGEST SURPRISES

The Academy's love for the indie "Beasts of the Southern Wild" and the foreign "Amour" elbowed out a number of presumptive nominees, and nowhere more noticeably than the Best Director category. Many expected past winners **Hooper** and **Bigelow** on the list as well as a first-time nod for **Ben Affleck** for "Argo." And while "Beasts of the Southern Wild" has been a critic's favorite, few expected director **Benh Zeitlin** to earn a mention.



The people have spoken

At Wednesday night's People's Choice Awards:

1 **The Wanted** beat out One Direction for the title of Favorite Breakout Artist.

2 **Emma Watson** went for a daring ensemble as she celebrated a win for "The Perks of Being a Wallflower."

3 **Robert Downey Jr.** went on bended knee after winning Favorite Movie Actor.

4 "Hunger Games" stars **Liam Hemsworth, Jennifer Lawrence** and **Josh Hutcherson** snagged trophies for Favorite Action Movie.

5 **Rachel Leigh Cook** resurfaced (and stunned!) in a strapless blue frock.

1: GREGG DEGUIRE
2: ALBERT L. ORTEGA
3: PAUL A. HEBERT
4: ALBERT L. ORTEGA
5: GREGG DEGUIRE
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6 We imagine **Lea Michele** said "Me? Funny? Who knew?" after accepting the trophy for Favorite TV Comedic Actress.



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Cocktails that rock

► Chef Jason Cichonski's punk rock-themed drinks will warm you right up ► His tips on where to drink and dine this weekend

Hot chef

Get ready for a nostalgia trip when you open Ela's cocktail menu — all of the Queen Village restaurant's signature drinks are named after songs by the pop-punk band Brand New. Chef Jason Cichonski is the fan behind drinks including the "Jude Law & A Semester Abroad" and "Last Chance to Lose Your Keys," which are almost as tasty as what he's whipping up in the kitchen. We chatted him up about rocking out and going out in Philly.

At Ela, all the drinks are named after songs by the Brand New. Why?

It was one of my favorite bands growing up, and I was listening to them a lot when I was making the cocktail list. I remember sitting on the front steps of the restaurant with my headphones on. I had never written a cocktail list before and I didn't know how to name them.

Have you ever seen Brand New live?



► Not, regrettably, on the menu at Ela this weekend: Chef Jason Cichonski (he has a girlfriend — we checked).



► "Jude Law & A Semester Abroad"

If you go

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You know, I haven't, which is weird. All the punk shows I went to when I was growing up, it's strange that I never saw them.

What's your favorite music venue in Philly?

The Church and the Troc. **Have you been to Union Transfer yet?**

Not yet. I heard it's big. I haven't heard of any bands I want to see playing there. **Fair enough. So where are you going on your day off?** If it's not the local place by my house, maybe Southwark, which I love, and it's right near the restaurant. You start to de-

velop a relationship with the restaurants around you. My whole staff goes to Southwark and they come here. Sometimes we go to O'Neals if it's more a shots-and-beer kind of night.

I just started going to Emmanuelle, which is right by my girlfriend's house, so I'll stop in there for a drink. I try to bounce around to different restaurants that I haven't been to yet. We just went to Vernick — the food was awesome.

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On tap

Want to drink in Belgium?

It's been almost two decades since Tom Peters and Fergus Carey made Monk's Cafe the best place outside of Brussels to enjoy a specialty Belgian draft. Now, local beer snobs can see what inspired Philly's beer renaissance.

Philly Beer Week is hosting its annual "Win a Trip to Belgium Raffle" on Saturday at Field House in Center City. One lucky winner will travel to Belgium — all expenses paid — with a local brew master of their choice. Once there, they'll team with Bernard Leboucq and Yvan De Baets of famed Belgian brewery Brasserie de la Senne to craft a collaborative brew for Philly Beer Week. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, both for the winner and the brewer they choose to accompany them," said PBW Executive Director Don Russell.

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food

More HubBub for Philly

► The popular coffee truck is settling down with a cafe in Center City ► But it's not quite ready to retire those wheels

For those whose weekday mornings are made possible by the HubBub coffee truck in University City, brace yourself: You won't be seeing it on Monday. Not at that location, at least. Instead, the iconic red truck will be parked outside of HubBub's new brick-and-mortar coffee bar in Logan Square to celebrate the grand opening. Before you get yourself into a caffeinated tizzy, relax — the mobile cafe will be back on the streets after that.

"The truck is something we want to keep," explains owner Drew Crockett. "It's where we got started — it's part of our story." Crockett also adds that his love for his



► HubBub opens Monday at 1717 Arch St.

customers will keep him working inside the truck once a week.

All truck loyalty aside, there are plenty of perks to a cafe, in Center City no

less.

"In the simplest form, this is a much bigger operation, so we had to hire more employees," says Crockett. "With that

"The truck is something we want to keep. ... It's part of our story."

CROCKETT

brought opportunity to expand our offerings. In the truck we had been limited in terms of space and what we could do there. With the store we can have a pour-over bar and highlight different coffees. It's those kinds of things that will provide lots of opportunity to have tastings and host events that we weren't able to do before."

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Restaurant notes

Rocky-Fest hits South Philly

Now in its second year, South Philly Bar & Grill's tribute to Mr. Balboa begins Saturday at 11 a.m., at which point it'll begin screening the "Rocky" films in reverse order. (Drink slow — there are somehow six of

these.) Stick around all day for trivia, a look-alike contest and specials.

Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 a.m.,
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Brewer dinner at JG Domestic

It's about that time of year when you start missing bar-



► All Rocky, all Saturday

becue — really missing barbecue. Get your fix at JG Domestic later this month, when Great Lakes Brewing Co. swings through for one of the restaurant's popular beer-pairing dinners. On the menu: Barbecue pork cheek sliders and squash hush puppies. **Jan. 24, 7 p.m., \$65, 2929 Arch St., www.jgdomestic.com**

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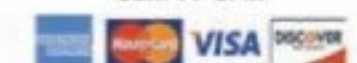


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Horoscope

♈ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. A situation in which you're involved has been inhibiting your performance, though it was initially intended otherwise. Changes ahead will give you greater authority to remedy this.

♒ **Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19.**
A secret ambition you've been harboring for some time can be openly, if carefully, acted upon. It'll still pay to be very selective regarding persons to whom you make your revelations.

♊ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. You are entering a cycle that bodes well for the establishment of new friendships. One particularly strong one might be with a person who was born in a distant land.

T Aries March 21-April 19. Both circumstances and chance could serve to awaken some fresh ambitions in you, as long as you can adapt quickly to unexpected circumstances.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20.
Your mind is open to fresh thinking and ideas, making this a better than average day to deal with unusual situations or unfamiliar ideas. Check out new people, places or things.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20.
Be alert to the possibility of acquiring new income channels. It may require some innovative thinking as well as some optimism, but you can make it happen.

● **Cancer June 21-July 22.** Improved conditions are indicated in a valued relationship that has been experiencing some ups and downs lately.

Your counterpart is likely to be the one bearing the olive branch.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22.
A project you inaugurate will have good chances of acceptance by the powers that be. However, once introduced, progress could be slow, so a lot of patience may be called for.

TIP Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
A more intense bonding could begin to develop with a currently platonic friend. Where it leads will be up to you.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Much to your relief, you'll be able to walk away from an arrangement that has been causing a lot of frustration lately. Fortunately, the dissolution will be amicable.

♍ Scorpio Oct. 24–Nov. 22.
Important plans you formulate
will have high chances of suc-

cess, provided you don't wait too long to implement them. Time is not on your side.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21.
Make a concerted effort to put your financial affairs in better order. If you take the time to systemize things properly, you could make or save yourself a lot of the green stuff.

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Solution to Thursday's crossword



Across

1 Run in neutral
5 Wined and dined
10 Twitches
14 — and the Belmonts
15 Tequila cactus
16 Land measure
17 Beagle features
18 Tender spots
19 Oaf
20 Gumshoe
22 Captivate
24 Ontario neighbor
26 Very, to Yvette
27 Ardor
30 Pleasure craft
34 Jean- -- Picard
35 Peanuts or popcorn
38 Question
39 Ms. Hagen
40 Kenton and Laurel
42 A Stooze
43 Code inventor
46 "Dynasty" actress
48 Individual
49 Not real
51 Kid with crayons
53 Turkish coin
55 River in a Best
Picture title
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67 Nautical mile
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Letters

High taxes? Let's talk high taxes

RE: "SURE, BUSH ENACTED TAX CUTS, BUT ..." (METRO, JAN. 10) Douglas Brown's letter suggested that the wealthy pay about 70 percent of the taxes and make about 75 percent of the money. This is grossly wrong.

In 2009, the Top 10 percent paid 70.5 percent of the income taxes and made only 43.2 percent of the income. As for Brian Grau's letter that

Quoted

**“So Kim
Kardashian and
Kanye West are
having a baby.
Think what
that poor kid
will have to
deal with,
going through
life with a big
butt, big boobs
AND
a big head.”**

**BRUCE A. BENNETT,
VIA E-MAIL RE: "THE BIG
BABY REVEAL:
A CELEB RETROSPECTIVE"
(METRO, JAN. 8)**

devolved into a name-calling rant, the rich don't have to spend their tax break for it to benefit the economy.

When tax rates are low, there is greater incentive to take risk and create jobs. People are less likely to take on risk if they have to give half of their profits to the government. He cites Reagan's tax rates. In 1987, after his bipartisan tax reform, the top 10 percent paid 55 percent of the income taxes and made 37 percent of the income. While federal rates may have been higher, state rates were lower and there were more loopholes and shelters.

JIM FLETCHER, VIA E-MAIL

US is the cricket to China's ants

Fifty years ago, our children were encouraged to eat their food because the poor, starving children in China would love to have what we had. Now, that nation is our creditor, has improved its infrastructure, has bullet trains and is projected to surpass us economically.

As a nation, we have shown our immaturity by squandering our advantages and resources.

For the future, we need to be more industrious, frugal and sane in determining our economic, political and diplomatic balance.

GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Manning, Brady highlight divisional week of playoffs

► Divisional round under way Saturday with no more byes ► Veteran QBs big favorites at home

Baltimore (4) at Denver (1)

WHEN: Saturday, 4:30 p.m., CBS

LINE: Broncos -10, O/U 46.5

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: Baltimore is riding the wave of Ray Lewis' retirement announcement, hoping for a magical run through the postseason before he steps away from the game. Meanwhile,

Peyton Manning makes his Broncos playoff debut as a big-time favorite.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Demaryius Thomas, WR, Denver — The Broncos' 6-foot-3 speedster didn't get much play in the Tim Tebow-led Denver passing game, but he's been a big time target for Manning. He had 1,434 yards and 10 touchdowns in the regular season.



► Manning

WHO WINS: It's tough to pick against a Denver team that has won 11 straight, including a 34-17 win at Baltimore in Week 15.

Houston (3) at New England (2)

WHEN: Sun., 4:30 p.m., CBS

LINE: Patriots -10, O/U 48

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: It's been seven years since Tom Brady hoisted the Lombardi Trophy, and yet they are still heavy favorites against a Texans squad that started the season 11-1. Since then they've gone 3-2, including a narrow win against the Bengals last week.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: J.J. Watt, DE, Texans — You may know Watt as a pass swatter extraordinaire, but he's also got one heck of a pass rush. From the last two Patriots Super Bowl losses to New York, we know the

best way to beat Brady is to pressure him repeatedly. Texans defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, one of the NFL's best and brightest, will try to do just that. They had limited success against the Pats in the regular season.

WHO WINS: Not many think Houston can win after losing 42-17 at Foxboro in Week 14 — us included. While this one promises to be much closer, we're not betting against Brady. **METRO**



Brady had 34 TDs and 8 INTs in 2012.

Green Bay (3) at San Fran (2)

WHEN: Sat., 8 p.m., FOX

LINE: 49ers -3, O/U 45

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: The Packers bring a playoff-tested team into San Francisco on the heels of an easy win against the Vikings and Adrian Peterson. They'll have to shut down another top back, Frank Gore, if they want to advance to the NFC title game. The Niners are putting all their eggs in the Colin Kaepernick basket, even though Alex Smith got them to the title game last season. There's no question Kaepernick is

more impressive physically, but he's never been on a stage nearly this big.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Randy Moss, WR, San Francisco — It's easy to forget Moss, the future Hall of Famer, is still on the Niners. He's been remarkably quiet, both on-field and off. If Kaepernick is going to lead his team to a win, he might need a big play from Moss. **WHO WINS:** If the old adage is true, that defense wins championships, then it shouldn't be close. Since the Pack has Aaron Rodgers, it will be close — but Niners pull it out thanks to a drive-killing sack from Aldon Smith.

Seattle (5) at Atlanta (1)

WHEN: Sun., 1 p.m., FOX

LINE: Falcons -3, O/U 46

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: It's hard to believe Matt Ryan has yet to win a game in the post-season (0-3). He has a tremendous chance to break that streak against an outgunned Seahawks team. But you'll notice a surprisingly tight

spread thanks to the Russell Wilson hype. The rookie QB has been magnificent, including a six-game win streak where he's thrown 10 TDs and two INTs.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Akeem Dent, LB, Falcons — Dent is important for two reasons. He'll be the spy on Wilson to keep him from taking off, and crucial in tackling running back Marshawn Lynch.

WHO WINS: It's hard to believe Ryan will go to 0-4 in playoff games, especially with this one at home.

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NBA pickups of the week



Tristan Thompson

PF, Cavs

Anderson Varejao is out 6-8 more weeks. In 10 games without the Brazilian, Thompson gets 13.3 points, 12.4 rebounds and 1.1 blocks. Tyler Zeller is another option for deep leaguers.

Ersan Ilyasova

PF, Bucks

Scott Skiles getting fired was the best thing that could have happened to Ilyasova. New coach Jim Boylan's first priority was to get Ersan going by putting him back in the starting five.

Fantasy Sports

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a Top 10 fantasy guy thanks to his 4.4 assists, 2.1 blocks and 1.4 steals. Elite defensive numbers are hard to find. It's why we should be going after the likes of **Larry Sanders**, **Nicolas Batum** and **Serge Ibaka**. Another place to look for hidden value is in great percentages with high volume. **Marc Gasol**, **Tony Parker**, **David Lee** and **Chris Bosh** are special because of their shooting.

Overrated

The Grizzlies want to get rid of **Rudy Gay** for the same reasons fantasy owners should be dumping him. Much like **Joe Johnson**, all he does well is score. Also, we can't have guys that cripple our free-throw shooting every night out. **Josh Smith**, **Dwight Howard** and **Blake Griffin** all have to hit the bricks.

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► Rabil is a three-time NLL All-Star.

Wings ready to start season at Wells Fargo

The Philadelphia Wings will begin their 27th season in the National Lacrosse League (NLL) on Friday when they host the Buffalo Bandits.

The Wings, looking for their record seventh NLL championship, added 13 new players to their roster after a busy offseason.

The highlight was a December blockbuster trade that netted Paul Rabil, a three-time NLL All-Star who is one of the league's marquee players.

"There have been a lot of changes to this team, with 13 new players and seven rookies. But we are ready to compete," said coach Johnny Mouradian. "We made a conscious effort to build a roster centered around young, talented U.S. players, and our goal is to get back to winning championships."

The Wings also return All-Stars Brodie Merrill and Max Seibald, along with last year's top draft pick, Kevin Crowley. Friday's game is set for 7 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Center, and tickets start at \$10.

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Orange and Black open against rival Penguins

Maybe enduring an annoying, drawn-out NHL lockout was worth something after all.

The Flyers will reportedly open the 2012-13 season Jan. 19 at the Wells Fargo Center at 3 p.m. against ... wait for it ... the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Flyers were originally scheduled to play the Calgary Flames that day at 1 p.m. With the change, the Penn State-Vermont college game has been pushed back to 8:15 p.m. The Orange and Black open training camp Monday.

"Camp is the time to get everything on the table and the puck drops," Flyers coach Peter



► Laviolette

Laviolette said earlier this week. "Most people in the league are probably in for their first shortened experience. We will all be learning." ● METRO

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